

MALACHI

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ABOUT THE BOOK OF MALACHI

Setting

Malachi is a prophet of God during the _____ before the birth of Jesus.

Malachi is speaking to Jews returned from exile to the _____.

Shortcomings

A need for better _____.

A need for better _____.

Structure

The Lord _____ his people of sin.

The people _____ their guilt.

The Lord _____ his charge against the people.

A CLOSER LOOK AT MALACHI 2

2.1-9 The Lord takes the _____ to task.
You don't _____ the way you should.

2.10-16 The Lord takes the _____ to task.
You _____ marriages you should stay out of.
You _____ marriages you should stay in.



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- Ask Jesus, What are areas in my life where I'm _____?
- Identify your responsibilities as a follower of Jesus.
 - Speak what is _____.
 - Do what is _____.
 - Turn people from _____.
 - Offer wise _____.
 - Be consistent in the way you _____.
- Grab on to this promise: *For those who _____ me I will _____ ...*
1 Samuel 2.30.

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These questions are meant to be done by yourself or together with a family member or friend, then discussed at your small group during the week.

1. Reread Malachi 2. For each paragraph of the chapter write down something the paragraph says about the LORD.

.1-9

.10-12

.13-16

2. What is something else you see in this chapter that seems important?

3. Review responsibilities of a follower of Jesus on your study handout. Which of these responsibilities do you find personally convicting?

4. Write out again the first part of Malachi 3.7 in the space below.

5. Now write out the promise of 1 Samuel 2.30.

As a group, spend time in prayer asking Jesus to show you areas in your life where you are failing to honor him.